

## California Association of Medical Social Workers

(Reported by Miss Edna J. Shirpsey, secretary)

The Association held a meeting in the rooms of the San Francisco County Medical Society October 21, and another meeting on November 18. The former meeting was addressed by Mrs. John Collier on "Health Habits of Children," and the latter meeting by Dr. William R. P. Emerson on "Nutrition." Miss Margarite Wales, chief social worker of the Stanford University Medical School and Hospital, discussed the aims and purposes of the organization of medical social workers.

The speaker emphasized the importance of developing the medical aspects of social work. The great advantage of co-ordinating the work of medical social workers and the early organization of these workers with the medical profession was emphasized. Medical progress in the prevention and cure of disease must go forward as team work under the leadership of the medical profession, if it is to fulfill its function of securing the greatest good to the greatest number from the services of physicians and to protect the members of the medical profession against wasted effort and misuse of their services.

"It is especially important for medical social workers to get together, not only to work out the problems that belong so definitely to their particular province, but some opportunity must be offered for them to hear the opinions of their co-workers in the medical profession."

"For some years social work in general has had a distinct place in the college curriculum." Medical social work is much more recent, and such a course is, at present, offered in only one medical school in this country.

At the business meeting of the association, Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur of Stanford University Hospital and Dr. W. E. Musgrave were voted honorary members of the California Association of Medical Social Workers.

Dr. Edna L. Barney, Edna F. McInerney, Marion Maxwell, Otilie Haas, Dr. Jessica Peixotto, Rose Steinhart, Lucy Ward Stebbins, Olive McGinnis, Regina P. Horton, Sophie Mersing, Katherine Wynne, Margaret Surmountdt were elected to membership.

### DEATHS

Woolley, Frederick Marion. Died in St. Helena, Calif., November 15, 1921. Was a graduate of the College of Osteopathic Phy. and Surg., Los Angeles, Calif., 1917. Licensed in California 1920.

Smith, George Sidney. Died in Half Moon Bay, Calif., November 21, 1921. Was a graduate of University of California 1879. Licensed in California 1880.

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